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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM: John F. Blake
Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT: Representational Reimbursements

1. The Director met with the CIA Deputies and senior staff officers on 16 May 1977 at 1600 hours to discuss certain matters.

2. During the course of the conversation, the Director and the Deputy Director for Operations had an exchange of views on the DCI and the DDO meeting with outbound U. S. ambassadors. During the course of that exchange of views, the Director stated that it was his intent to revise his recent regulations concerning payment for official luncheons so that the Agency host could be reimbursed for the cost of the lunch of the visiting ambassador.

/s/ John F. Blake

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MEMORANDUM FOR: See Distribution

FROM : B. C. Evans
Executive Secretary

SUBJECT : Reception and Representation
Expenses - Policy

REFERENCE : HR

STATINTL

1. You will recall that at the Morning Meeting of 13 May I commented on the Director's recent and detailed examination of past expenditures for official reception and representation functions charged to the DCI Imprest Fund. As a result of this review, he has written a note which prohibits payment of representation expenses for all government officials below Cabinet rank and contractors doing business with the Agency. (See Attachment A.)

2. As the only individual with the final authority to act for the Director in approving the payment of these kinds of charges, I cannot approve any new charges for functions attended only by USG officials after 13 May 1977 unless the purpose is to conduct government business with an individual of Cabinet level rank or higher. This appears to eliminate Ambassadors, senior level military officers, Congressmen and Congressional staffs, as well as some others provided for under HR It is not certain the Director intended this drastic curtailment; however, at the moment, we have no choice but to comply.

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3. In the meantime an "impact and options" paper will be prepared for the DDCI's review upon his return

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from Europe. If you have any contributions or alternative options, please have your support officer or administrative assistant furnish these to [redacted] AO/DCI, by 25 May 1977 (see comments by [redacted] Assistant to the DDCI in Attachment B).

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B. C. Evans
Executive Secretary

Attachment A
Attachment B

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NOTE FOR:

AO/DCI

SUBJECT: DCI's Instructions Regarding Official Reception and Representation Expenses

1. The DCI's note directs that we eliminate "any US Government (only) officials (e.g., NFIB) below cabinet level."

2. This is subject to a couple of interpretations and I suggest that you get together with Ben Evans and [redacted] and draft a paper to the DCI which asks for clarification and presents options.

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a. Presumably, elimination of US Government officials only pertains to the Executive Branch, not Congress or Staff Directors and senior staff members.

b. Presumably, he wishes to eliminate expenditures for functions involving or on behalf of executive officials only, below cabinet level; that is, payment of expenses for all US officials would be authorized if there is one cabinet level official or other person entitled to entertainment [redacted] present.

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c. The "below cabinet level" would appear to rule out Ambassadors and other executive schedule officials (EP II-V). This should be pointed out with a request that he reconsider elimination of those officials.

d. The question of military officers: the "below cabinet level" language would appear to eliminate all military officers. Our regulation currently provides for entertainment at the GS-17 equivalent which is Major General. We should request clarification on this.

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3. Elimination of the contractors can be accomplished by revising HR [redacted] to read as follows:

"...US private citizens (except Agency contractors), including..."

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[redacted]
Assistant to the Deputy Director

28 April 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
THROUGH: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Executive Secretary
FROM: [REDACTED]
Administrative Officer, DCI
SUBJECT: DCI Reception and Representation Expenses

1. After reviewing the summary of expenditures for reception and representation activities during FY 1976, you expressed skepticism regarding the payment of costs associated with "in-house" functions.

2. Similar questions were raised last year by Mr. Bush and Mr. Knoche who directed that a new regulation be issued prohibiting the use of government funds under these conditions. Paragraph c(3) of HR [REDACTED] issued on 1 March 1977 prohibits "The payment of expenses ... for functions or activities attended solely by Agency employees or individuals whose services are funded in whole or in part by the CIA or one of its proprietaries or for whose service CIA reimburses another Government agency or private organization. This prohibition does not apply to functions for or on behalf of individuals serving as consultants" Consequently some activities of this type for which payment was authorized in 1976 will no longer be reimbursed.

3. Costs associated with luncheons or dinners for contractors are not specifically prohibited. Each instance, however, requires (as do all such activities) the authorization of "a senior Agency official." (These officials are explicitly defined as "the DCI, DDCI, D/DCI/NIO, Deputy Directors for Operations, Administration, Intelligence and Science and Technology, Heads of Independent Offices, the Assistant to the Director for Public Affairs and those Chiefs of Station designated by the Director of Central Intelligence.) All expenditures under the provisions of our current reception and representation policy must be reviewed for compliance with HR [REDACTED] and approved by the Executive Secretary prior to payment.

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4. Under HR [] certain of the expenditures noted by you in red are now prohibited, e.g., coffee for Morning Meetings, Air America officials (proprietaries and CIA officials (Station Chiefs)).

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5. Expenditures associated with official functions attended by senior cooperating officials from other government agencies can still be approved under authority contained in our appropriation but only within the limitations prescribed in HR []. These would embrace the NFIB (and USIB) item as well as "U.S. officials."

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6. Representation expenditures attributed to contractors (e.g., []) are permitted. This type of charge is normally associated only with luncheon costs and is for the purpose of conducting the Agency's business in an atmosphere consistent with common practice in private industry. It also avoids any intimation that contractors are buying lunches for our people.

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7. The items you circled on the breakdown for FY 76 have all been marked as either currently permitted or prohibited under HR []. The one concerning coffee at the Morning Meeting deserves some explanation. Since the summer of 1975 coffee for the Morning Meeting Members has been provided by the Executive Dining Room, paid for out of their profits, at no charge to the DCI's Reception and Representation Fund. Arrangements are presently being made to charge the Morning Meeting Members and attendees of other regularly scheduled meetings (EAG) individually for their coffee to tea (coffee - \$5 per month, Tea - \$2 per month).

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